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REASONABLE SEARCHES BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

FOURTH AMENDMENT: The Fourth Amendment's prohibition against unreasonable search and seizures applies to searches conducted by school officials.

REASONABLE SUSPICION: A search of a student will be justified at its inception where there is reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence that the student is violating either the law or the rules of the school.

PERMISSABLE SCOPE: A search will be permissible in its scope when the measures adopted are reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in the light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the violation.

RANDOM SEARCHES: In certain limited circumstances, such as nondiscriminatory and random checks of lockers, it is also appropriate for school officials to conduct administrative searches without reasonable suspicion.